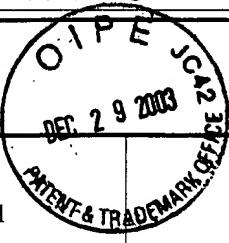


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
**FIS0000337US1 (14114)**

In Re Application Of: Thomas W. Dyer, et al.



Serial No.  
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### Invention:

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This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 4, 2003 in the above-identified application.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	1 -	3 =	0	x \$86.00	\$0.00
FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$110.00
<b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>					<b>\$110.00</b>

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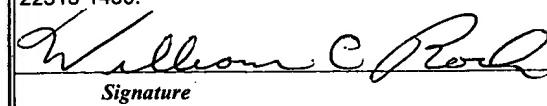
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 26, 2003, please amend this patent application as follows, which is believed to prima facie place this case in condition for allowance for reasons given in the REMARKS:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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